
High-level Interparliamentary Conference on Migration and Asylum in Europe on 19 November 2020

10:00-10:15

Symbolic opening - video testimonies

10:15-10:45

Opening/**Keynote speeches** by

- President of the European Parliament, David-Maria Sassoli
- President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen
- President of the German Bundestag, Wolfgang Schäuble
- President of the Portuguese Parliament, Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues
- President of the Slovenian National Assembly, Igor Zorčič

10:45-12:00

Panel discussion on “**Managing asylum and migration together**”
with moderator Shada Islam

- President of the European Parliament, David-Maria Sassoli
- President of the German Bundestag, Wolfgang Schäuble
- President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen
- International Organization for Migration, Director General
Dr António Vitorino

Q&A with a set number of members of national parliaments and the
European Parliament

Simultaneous Virtual Round Tables:

14:00-15:30

1) Relationship between solidarity and responsibility in migration and asylum management

Co-Chairs: EP (LIBE) MEP J.F. López Aguilar (Chairman LIBE) / MP A. Lindholz, Committee on Internal Affairs and Community, German Bundestag

Introduction:

- Ylva Johansson, Commissioner for Home Affairs;
- Horst Seehofer, German Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community, President in-Office of the Home Affairs Council of the EU, Council Presidency;

Discussants:

- Dr. Christos Christou, International President of Médecins Sans Frontières;
- Testimony: Stratis Kytelis, Mayor of the Municipality of Mytilene, and Salvatore Martello, Mayor of Lampedusa;

Exchange of views with member of the national parliaments and the European Parliament

Topics for discussion may include:

- Sharing responsibility and respect of fundamental rights;
- Addressing irregular migration and management of external borders;
- Implementing return decisions and ensuring coherence with the human rights policy of the EU

2) External dimension – Shaping partnerships with third countries

Co-Chairs: EP MEP Tomas Tobé (Chairman DEVE) / Monika Gregorčič, Chair Committee on Foreign Policy, Slovenian National Assembly

Introduction:

- Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships,
- Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil, the AU Commissioner on Social Affairs;

Discussants:

- Nicola Bay, Representative of the Danish Refugee Council

- David Miliband, President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee (video message)

Exchange of views with member of national parliaments and the European Parliament

Topics for discussion may include:

- External dimension of asylum and migration beyond existing principles;
- Development of comprehensive agreements with third countries – state of play;
- International approach in times of crisis of multilateralism;

3) Legal migration and integration – Best practices and the way forward

Co-Chairs: EP MEP Fabienne Keller (LIBE) / Luís Capoulas Santos, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee, Portuguese Parliament

Introduction:

- Monique Pariat, Director-General of the Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs (HOME)
- Mr Dr Joachim Stamp, Member of the Bundesrat (Committee on Labour, Integration and Social Policy) and Minister for Children, Family, Refugees and Integration of the state North Rhine-Westphalia

Discussants: external experts

- Jens Hoffmann, CEO of Dipart Entreprenad AB
- Jennifer Bond, Chair of the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative;

Exchange of views with members of national parliaments and the European Parliament

Topics for discussion may include:

- Addressing legal migration gaps;
- Fostering well-managed mobility: the EU Talent Pool;
- Promoting integration with adequate funding: towards the Action Plan 2021-2024 on integration and inclusion

15:45-16:30

Plenary:

Symbolic closing - video testimony - 3 min video contribution from the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative

- Short presentation the discussions' results of the three Thematic Groups by rapporteurs of each Group
- Closing statement by Presidents Schäuble and Sassoli
- Announcement on a Follow-Up Conference